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COMPLETION OF PENDING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of development projects are pending in the country;

(b) if so, the names of projects pending as on December, 2014 and the total capital invested till date in these projects State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has decided to complete these projects without any delay;

(d) if so, the time by when these projects are likely to be completed; and

(e) the estimated capital investment required on construction of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (e) : Government through the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors the on-going Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above on time and cost overruns.

738 Projects were on the monitor of this Ministry as on 31.12.2014. State-wise details of these Projects are at Annexure. Of these 738 Projects, 315 Projects were showing time overruns, 224 Projects were showing cost overruns and 76 Projects were showing both time and cost overruns with respect to their original project implementation schedules. Total original cost of these 738 Projects was Rs 977,589.16 crore and their total anticipated completion cost is Rs 1,184,766.43 crore.

The major steps undertaken to ensure completion of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects include: rigorous project appraisal; On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up of Standing Committees in the administrative Ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns; regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating the speedy implementation of major projects.